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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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John Melby
Director
Bureau of Air Management
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 7921
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

Re: Particulate Matter 2.5, Section 103
Cooperative Agreement PM98577803
End of Project Review

Dear Mr. Melby:

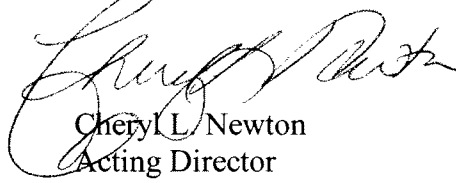
In July 2006, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) entered into a two year partnership for the purpose of supporting WDNR in its efforts for planning, developing, establishing, improving and maintaining a program for operating a Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 monitoring network in the State of Wisconsin. As we have completed this two year effort it is timely to summarize our efforts and to thank you and WDNR for your work in this endeavor. We require this review pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations 31.40. This report covers the period, March 15, 2006, through March 31, 2008.

We are pleased with the progress WDNR has made in its participation in PM2.5 monitoring activities. WDNR operated 20 PM 2.5 monitoring sites with 19 Federal Reference Method Samplers, four speciation samplers, and 13 continuous monitors. WDNR's staff has performed its sampling and monitoring activities according to EPA guidance. WDNR has met its capture rate goals. PM2.5 data has been submitted by WDNR into the Air Quality System within the acceptable time limits. Also, WDNR has provided daily PM2.5 air quality data to citizens through the local media, its website, and the AIRNOW website. Budget and fiscal reports have been submitted according to schedule.

In summary, we believe that our partnership with WDNR, through implementation of this PM2.5 cooperative agreement, has improved efforts to ensure the best possible air quality for citizens in the State of Wisconsin. Although this two year project has formally ended, we have awarded another continuation grant for PM2.5 activities, and we look forward to the opportunity to continue to support your efforts to provide improved air quality in Wisconsin.

Should you have any questions concerning this review, please contact Kathy Mullen at 312-886-6074 or mullen.kathleen@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl L. Newton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cheryl" being more prominent and the last name "Newton" following in a similar style. The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

Cheryl L. Newton
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